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CHARGE #

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AND

GENERAL LAWS

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND AND SUBORDINATE COURTS OF

# Heroines of Jericho

Of the State of Florida and Jurisdiction

Working Under the Protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, (Incorporated.)



REVISED AND ADOPTED BY THE GRAND COURT OF HEROINES OF JERICHO, AUGUST 12, 1924, AND COMPILED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE

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CHARTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT OND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND JURISDICTION. 64098.

Charter of The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction, a Corporation organized for benevolent and charitable purposes. Not for profit.

1st. The name of this Corporation is The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free

and Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction.

2nd. The residence of said corporation shall be located at Jacksonville, Florida.

3rd. Nature and Object.-The general nature of the object of this corporation:

(a) To organize and have Grand Lodge.

(b) To organize Sub-ordinate Lodges. (c) To organize Past Master's Council (but in no event shall there be more than seven Past Master's Councils in the State of Florida.)

(d) To own real estate, to buy and transfer same.

(e) To make constitution and by-laws for the government of this Corporation and sub-ordinate lodges, and Past Master's Council.

(f) To organize and manage an Endowment Department, to be known as The Masonic Benefit Association, and to make laws governing

(g) To supervise and give protection to such Auxiliary Masonic bodies known as The Eastern Star Chapters, and The Heroines of Jericho, and such other higher branches of Masonry (but in no wise shall this corporation assume the control of management of same or make any laws governing same), but said Auxiliary Masonic bodies shall be supreme within themselves.

(h) To do any and all things: to own, maintain and manage such real and personal properties necessary to carry out the objects of said

corporation.

4th. Membership-Any male person who has reached 21 years of age and upward, who is not maimed, who is sound in body and mind, not infirmed or in his dotage, after conforming to the laws, rules and regulations of said corporation, shall be members of said corporation, e. i. all Past Masters, active Worshipful Masters, Senior Junior Wardens, of any regular constituted sub-ordinate Lodge, under the Jurisdiction and control of this Corporation, shall be members of the Grand Lodge.

The membership of the sub-ordinate Lodges shall be governed by the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, and the Constitution and By-Laws of

the Sub-ordinate Lodges.

5th. The terms for which said corporation shall exist shall be for-

6th. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: D. D. Powell, Jacksonville, Fla.; Philip-A. Mitchell, Jacksonville, Fla.; S. Earle, Jacksonville, Fla.; W. H. Thompson, Jacksonville, Fla.; J. H. Burroughs, Jacksonville,

7th. The affairs of this corporation are to be managed by the following officers, who are to be elected annually, and shall be known as the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary.

# OFFICERS OF THE M. B. A. DEPARTMENT,

Secretary of the M. B. A.; Treasurer of the M. B. A.; Two Directors of the M. B. A.

# OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Secretary of Temple Fund; Treasurer of Temple Fund; Four Trustees.

All of said elective officers shall be elected by written ballot. A majority of all votes shall be necessary for a choice.

The Grand Master shall be Chairman of the Endowment Board and

The Grand Master shall not succeed himself in office but two years. All appointed officers shall be appointed immediately after the elective officers shall have been elected and installed. The election of all Grand Officers shall be held on the 23rd day of the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, which shall be on the second Tuesday of January of each year; and said Annual Grand Session shall be held in the city of Jacksonville or at such other place as shall be voted upon by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session.

8th. The general laws of this Corporation shall be made, changed and amended at a regular session of this Corporation, after same shall have been submitted to the Grand Session prior to said Grand Session

9th. The executive officers of this Corporation shall be all the elective officers.

In an executive session five elective officers shall constitute a quorum, and no acts shall be binding upon this Corporation unless approved by not less than five officers.

10th. The Grand Lodge of this Corporation shall meet annually the second Tuesday in January, from date of this Corporation.

11th. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the Corporation may at any time subject itself shall be \$150,000.00.

12. The Corporation may hold Real Estate to the amount in value of \$500,000.00.

13th. The following persons shall manage the affairs of this Corporation until the first election under this charter, which said election shall be on the 6th day of June, 1916 (which shall be a special call of the Grand Lodge for the express purpose of holding an election).

M. W., John H. Dickerson, Grand Master; R. W., D. D. Powell, Deputy Grand Master; R. W., J. C. Lee, Grand Senior Warden;

R. W., Jno. H. Hall, Grand Junior Warden;

R. W., A. J. Junius, Grand Treasurer; R. W., R. B. Brooks, Grand Secretary;

R. W., Domingo M. Pappy, Secretary and Treasurer;

R. W., E. H. Williams, Assistant Grand Secretary: R. W., Geo. W. Hawkins, Grand Chaplain; W. E., L. G. Banks, Assistant Grand Chaplain; W., King Stockton, Assistant Grand Chaplain.

#### COMMISSIONERS, MASONIC BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

W., R. T. Gorden, Chairman Board, M. B. A.:

W., L. N. Robinson, Assistant Chairman, M. B. A.:

W., D. M. Baxter, Treasurer, M. B. A.;

W., Charlie Young, Assistant Treasurer, M. B. A.; W., S. S. Richardson, Commissioner, M. B. A.;

W., J. H. Shaw, Medical Director, M. B. A.

14th. Subscribers.-D. D. Powell, P. A. Mitchell, Sherman Earle, W. H. Thompson, J. H. Borroughs.

State of Florida. County of Duval.

Before me personally appeared J. H. Borroughs, who acknowledged that he, together with the other subscribers, signed the foregoing Charter, and being duly sworn, says: That it is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein. J. H. BURROUGHS.

JNO. H. BALLOU,

Notary Public. My commission expires Oct. 19th, 1919.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER NOT FOR PROFIT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Monday, June 5th, 1916, or as soon thereafter as we can be heard, apply to the Honorable A. Simmons, or the Honorable Geo. C. Gibbs, or either of them, Judges of the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for the County of Duval, in Chambers, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. of that day, for an order incorporating us and our associates, into a body corporate to be known "Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdictioin, of the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval." The object of said Corporation is: The general nature of the object of this Corporation is:

(a) To organize and have Grand Lodge. To organize Sub-ordinate Lodges.

(c) To organize Past Masters' Council (but in no event shall there be more than seven Past Masters' Councils in the State of Florida).

(d) To own real estate.-To buy and transact same; to make Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Corporation, and Subordinate Lodges and Past Masters' Councils.

(e) To organize and manage an Endowment Department to be known as The Masonic Benefit Association, and to make laws governing same, to supervise and give protection to such auxiliary Masonic bodies as the Eastern Star Chapters and the Heroines of Jericho (but in no wise shall this Corporation assume the control or management of same or make any laws governing said auxiliary Masonic bodies shall be supreme within themselves).

(f) To do any and all things, to own, maintain and manage such real and personal property necessary to carry out said object of said Corporation.

> D. D. POWELL, P. A. MITCHELL. W. H. THOMPSON. SHERMAN EARLE, J. H. BURROUGHS, W. H. THOMPSON, Attorney.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF THE JOURNAL

State of Florida. County of Duval.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared A. N. Dobbins, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the publisher and manager of the Journal, a weekly newspaper published in the city of South Jacksonville, Florida, and that the notice of application for Charter not for profit of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper for four consecutive weeks, beginning on the 6th day of May, A. D., 1916, and ending on the 3rd day of June, A. D., 1916.

Said publication having been made on the following dates, to-wit:

May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and June 3rd, A. D., 1916.

A. N. DOBBINS. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June, 1916. CECIL BROWN,

Notary Public, State of Florida. My commission expires June 8th, 1919.

The above and foregoing Charter is hereby approved this June 7, 1916. DANIEL A. SIMMONS, Circuit Judge.

Endorsed. Circuit Court. Charter for the M. W. U. G. Lodge of the Colored Masons. Filed May 1st, 1916 Frank Brown, Clerk Circuit Court.

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of June, I recorded the foregoing Records of Duval County, Florida.

FRANK BROWN, Clerk Circuit Court. By E. C. Clark, D. C.

State of Florida. County of Duval.

I, Frank Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Duval County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing, which is a copy, has been compared and that the same is a literal transcript of the record of the Charter of Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction, as the same appears on record in Incorporated book No. 8, on page 541, of the public records of said County.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 9th day of June, A. D., 1916. (SEAL)

FRANK BROWN, Clerk Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida. By B. Reordan, Deputy Clerk.

(Copy of Original.)

# NOTICE OF APLICATION OF AMENDMENT OF CHARTER NOT FOR PROFIT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1918, or as soon thereafter as we may be heard, apply to Daniel A. Simmons or the Hon. George Cooper Gibbs, or either of them, Judges of the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Duval County, in Chambers, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on that day, for an order amending the Charter of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction of the city of Jacksonville, County of Duval.

The object of said amendments is to give the said Grand Lodge power of authority to sell stock amounting to One Hundred and Twentyfive Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars for the sole exclusive payment of the indebtedness to the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, and the interest and principal of the first mortgage Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars upon the property and such debts and obligations as are necessary to carry out said object. To increase the Masonic Benefit Associa-

tion from two directors to five.

To increase the length of time that the Grand Master may serve

from two years to four.

To permit the Grand Master and Executive Board for good and sufficient cause to extend the date of meeting.

J. H. BURROUGHS P. A. MITCHELL W. A. MOORE S. EARLE R. T. GORDEN D. W. PERKINS

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Certain conditions arose years ago which threatened the stability of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., in the State of Florida, autocracy and bossism reigning in high places and disregarding the principles and landmarks of Masonry; and

WHEREAS, In order to remedy those evils and correct those practices it became necessary to secure by charter certain guarantees against a repetition of those evils and practices, among which was the limitation placed upon the tenure of office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master;

WHEREAS, Masonry has been redeemed, and under the matchless, indomitable, efficient and honest leadership of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, David D. Powell, great strides have been made looking to wiping out of the indebtedness of the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The brethren of the craft throughout the jurisdiction are anxious that no further limitation be had, but that the craft be

restored to its former and proper footing.

1st. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That all limitations as to the time the Most Worshipful Grand Master may serve the craft be removed and the brethren be permitted to exercise their Masonic prerogative as to the length of time the Grand Master, as well as other Grand Officers, may serve the jurisdiction.

2nd. RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Executive Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge be, and they are now hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to amend the said Charter of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., so as to remove said limitation as to the time the Most Worshipful Grand Master may serve in office or may

succeed himself.

3rd. RESOLVED FURTHER, That no one shall be elected to or allowed to hold any important office in the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge who is holding important office at the same time in either the Union Grand Royal Arch Chapter or the Grand Eminent Commandary, or Bethlehem Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, or the Union Grand Court of Heroine of Jericho of the State of Florida. Every appearance of the one-man rule must be avoided in this Grand Jurisdiction. Every member of the Masonic family must have a chance.

Most respectively submitted, REV. J. B. GREEN S. S. RICHARDSON R. T. GORDEN D. M. BAXTER H. Y. TOOKES D. W. PERKINS

Same was adopted by the Grand Lodge at their 49th Annual Session, 1919.

# Jacksonville, Florida, August 15, 1916

TO THE GRAND COURT OF HEROINES OF JERICHO, Assembled.

WHEREAS, The Master Masons of the State of Florida, working under the protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, and the members of said Grand Lodge have for a number of years past desired to have themselves incorporated in a body corporate under the name of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida and its Jurisdiction for the purpose of protecting themselves in all respects; and

WHEREAS, At several Annual Communications of the said Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge resolutions have been adopted for the

incorporation of the said Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, On the 7th day of June, 1916, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge in its 45th Annual Communication held in the City of Jacksonville, the said Grand Lodge was incorporated under the name of the Most Worshipful

Union Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and its Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, It is the spirit and intention of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge now incorporated to attend to its own affairs and leave the Grand Court and the Heroines of Jericho and the various auxiliaries of the Order to govern themselves in all respects and not interfere with the manifestations, confusions, disorder and ill will, which will be exterminated; and

WHEREAS, Master Masons and Heroines of Jericho and all auxiliaries of the Order now look through the East and West, North and South of the State, and good will, will be established forever in the said

Order; and

WHEREAS, Master Masons, Heroines of Jericho and all auxiliaries of the Order now look forward to the dawn of a brighter day, when true brotherly love and fraternal feelings will run through the East and West North and South of the State, and good will, will be established forever

in the said Order: and

WHEREAS, The said Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge as a body incorporated will be goverened in all respects according to the true and Ancient Landmarks of Free and Accepted Masonry and the members of the Order will be able to proclaim to each other the message of the Angelic Host, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Mankind," and working in amity and benevolence and concord will in the fullness of time co-operate to bring about the fulfillment of the prophecy;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That we the Heroines of Jericho, assembled in our annual meeting held here in the city of Jacksonville, do hereby express in open meeting our hearfelt thanks for this wonderful accomplishment—"The Incorporation of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and its Jurisdiction," by whom we are protected, and do hereby accept the said Charter of the Incorporation and protection therein claimed as and for our guide as far as we are related to the said Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge;

Be It Further Resolved, That we do consider the Incorporation of the said Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and its Jurisdiction, as a dawn of a brighter day and shall emit the rays of sunshine for our hope and guide and that all Heroines of Jericho may unite in one Grand Court for the guide of future Negro generations.

Respectfully submitted, REV. J. B. GREEN, D. D., G. V. P.

A. HAWKINS

# CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL LAWS

#### OF THE

MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND AND SUB-ORDINATE COURT HEROINES OF JERICHO, UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND LODGE

#### OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA AND JURISDICTION, INCORPORATED.

#### PREAMBLE

Whereas, Every Grand Court of the Order of Heroines of Jericho, when legally organized by a convention of not less than five Sub-ordinate Courts within the territorial jurisdiction, of the State, regularly assembled, possessing the inherent power to form a constitution as a fundamental law for its perpetual actions, and to enact such rules and prescribe such regulations for the establishing such Sub-ordinate Courts as will insure the prosperity thereof and promote the general good of the Order, the Grand Court of the State of Florida does hereby adopt, establish and promulgate the following Constitution and By-Laws for its government; and does make and order the following rules and general regulations for the government of Sub-ordinate Courts under its Jurisdiction:

#### ARTICLE I

Name—This body shall be named The Most Worshipful Union Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho of the State of Florida and Jurisdiction. It shall consist of the following Grand and Sub-ordinate Officers and Members.

## GRAND COURT OFFICERS

- 1. Grand Most Ancient Matron.
- Grand Venerable Patron.
- Deputy Grand Most Ancient Matron.
- Deputy Grand Venerable Patron.
- Grand Senior Matron.
- Grand Junior Matron.
- Grand Court Secretary.
- Grand Court Recorder.
- Grand Court Secretary, Treasurer of C. B. A. Department.
- Grand Court Secretary and Treasurer of Temple Fund.
- Grand Court Treasurer of the Grand Court.
- Grand Court Lecturer.
- 11. Grand Court Chaplain.
- Grand Senior Attendant. 12. 13.
- Grand Junior Attendant.
- 14. First Grand Court Director.
- 15. Second Grand Court Director.

- 16. Third Grand Court Director.
- Grand Court Superintendent of the Juvenile Department.
- 18. Grand Court Marshal.
- 19. Deputy Grand Court Marshal.
- 20. Grand Outer Gate Keeper.

# GRAND COURT OFFICERS' JEWELS

- 1. G. M. A. M.-A Scepter and Gavel within a Hoop.
- 2. Grand Venerable Patron-A Mace and Book of Laws within a Hoop.
- Deputy Grand Most Ancient Matron-A Scepter within a Hoop
- Deputy Grand Venerable Patron-A Mace within a Hoop.
- Grand Senior Matron-The Sun within a Hoop.
- Grand Court Secretary-A Crossed Pen within a Hoop.
- Grand Court Secretary-A Crossed Pen within a Hoop.
- Secretary C. B. A. Board-A Crossed Pen within a Hoop. Secretary of Temple Fund—A Crossed Pen within a Hoop.
- Secretary of Grand Court-A Crossed Pen within a Hoop.
- Grand Court Recorder-An Open Ledger within a Hoop.
- Grand Court Treasurer—Crossed Keys within a Hoop. Grand Court C.—An Open Bible within a Hoop.
- Grand Court Lecturer—A Ritual or Constitution within a Hoop.
- 14. G. S. Attendant-A Cross within a Hoop.
- G. S. Attendant—A Cross within a Hoop.
   G. J. Attendant—A Cross within a Hoop.
   First Grand C. D.—A Sheaf of Wheat within a Hoop.
   Second Grand C. D.—A Sheaf of Wheat within a Hoop.
   Third Grand C. D.—A Sheaf of Wheat within a Hoop.
- 19. G. M.—A Banner and Sword within a Hoop. 20. D. G. M.—A Banner within a Hoop.
- 21. G. C., G. K.—Crossed Swords within a Hoop.
- The Jewels of both Grand and Sub-ordinate Court Officers are made out of Silver or Yellow Metal, but Silver or Gold are the most lasting.

#### ARTICLE II.

## AND A BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPRISING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS.

#### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Grand Court shall consist of all of the Elected Officers of the Grand Court, and five others, including the Grand Superintendent of the Juvenile Department. They shall be elected annually, the same as the other officers of the Grand Court. The Grand Venerable Patron shall be President of the Board of Directors.

## DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have general charge and supervision of the management of the Endowment and Temple Fund Departments, see that the By-Laws are duly enforced, and manage the finances and see that they are kept in safe custody. They shall have full power to revoke membership and to deny the payment of a death

claim, with the approval of at least four members of the Board of Directors. They shall have power, with the consent of the President, to order all drafts on the Treasurer. The President shall have full power to fill vacancies in the Board and temporarily in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall meet each year immediately before and after the meeting of the Grand Court and at such time during the year

subject to the call of the President.

Sec. 2. All of the above named Grand Officers shall be sisters. except the Grand Venerable Patron, the Deputy Grand Venerable Patron the Grand Directors, the Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain and nine members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The first fourteen Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot. The remainder shall be appointed by the Grand Most Ancient Matron and the Grand Venerable Patron immediately after their election and

before their installation.

#### ARTICLE III

Section 1. Any member in good standing in any sub-ordinate Court in the Jurisdiction can be elected to any office except Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron. They must be a Past Matron or a Past Patron, however, in good standing in some Sub-ordinate Court, that is in good standing in the Jurisdiction.

And all Past Grand Most Ancient Matrons and Past Grand Venerable Patrons and Most Ancient Matrons and Most Worthy Joshuas, of Subordinate Courts of the Jurisdiction in good standing whose character shall be certified by the Secretaries of their respective Courts, and such Past Matrons and Past Joshuas of Subordinate Courts as shall have a certificate of good standing in their Courts.

#### THE POWERS OF THE GRAND COURT

Section 1. The Most Worshipful Union Grand Court being supreme in all matters appertaining to its affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Courts of Heroines of Jericho within its Jurisdiction; it has power to grant Charters while in session, and in recess. The Grand Venerable Patron has power to order the Grand Secretary to fill out Charters. All dues and fees for Charters must be paid in advance. The Grand Venerable Patron has power to establish Courts, grant Dispensations and see that they work strictly to the rules and regulations of the Grand Court. He shall have power in the recess of the Grand Court to revoke the Charter or Dispensation of any Subordinate Court, which is willfully and constantly violating the rules and regulations of the Grand Court,

#### ARTICLE IV

#### TIME OF MEETING

Section 1. There shall be one annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Court beginning at 12:00 o'clock M. on the 2nd Tuesday in August of each year at such places as may be agreed upon at the annual meetings.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron at such time and place as in their judgment the interest of the Order requires, providing, however, that each Subordinate Court in the Jurisdiction shall have been notified at least thirty days previous to the call, and no business except that specified in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting except by unanimous consent of all present.

#### ARTICLE V

#### OF QUORUM

Section 1. Representatives or proxies regularly appointed, of not less than three Subordinate Courts under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Court shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VI

## REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Worthy Joshua and Most Ancient Matron of Subordinate Courts to attend all meetings of the Grand Court and they shall present to the Grand Court a certificate from the Secretary authenticated by the seal of their respective Courts,

attesting their election and installation into office.

Section 2. A proxy must be appointed to represent a Court by either of the chosen delegates, the Joshua or Most Ancient Matron. A proxy thus appointed must be a member of said Court in good and regular standing and must be a Past Matron or Past Joshua who will be required to show certificate of appointment, with the seal of the Subordinate Court and Matron's and Secretary's signatures

# OFFICERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNION GRAND COURT THEIR POSITIONS AND DUTIES

The Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron's office is one and the same. They sit side by side on the Throne in the East like King and Queen. They both wear robes and crowns and pre-

side. Their duties are here described:

The Grand Most Ancient Matron and the Grand Venerable Patron shall have power to convene the Grand Court whenever an emergency shall require, and they shall preside at all communications of the Grand Court and may issue dispensations to the Local Courts; but the Grand Venerable Patron shall issue all dispensations in setting up Courts for the benefit of the Craft during the interim of the Grand Court. The Grand Most Ancient Matron shall appoint a majority of all committees and discharge the high duties and responsibilities of her office fearlessly and impartially. The Grand Most Ancient Matron shall yearly be elected if that body so desires, or any sister, provided she shall have at some time served a regular term as Grand Junior Matron and Grand Senior Matron. The election shall be by written ballot, and a majority vote shall elect.

The Grand Venerable Patron shall have the general supervision over all the Subordinate Courts in the Jurisdiction. He shall assist the

Grand Most Ancient Matron in presiding at the Grand Court, and appoint a minority of all committees. He shall exemplify the several degrees. He shall see and know what kind of Heroine literature is circulating through the Jurisdiction. He shall decide all questions of law and the adopted Rites of Masonry, and is hereby given full power and authority to enforce his decisions. He shall appoint such District Deputies, Grand Venerable Patrons, Grand Most Ancient Matrons as in his judgment are necessary, and he shall install the officers of the Grand Court and give necessary information to all concerned. He shall have power to confer degrees upon Master Masons, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, adopted daughters, wherever in his judgment he sees fit, and upon the proper information of their rights to be adopted, it shall be the duty of the Grand Venerable Patron to have a watchful eye over the institution in recess, and if there is any conspiracy against the officers or the Constitution, or any person guilty of the following crimes: Defrauding a Court or its members; cruel treatment of wife or husband, or any member of a family; living in adupltery; bigamy or fornication; continued drunkenness; lying, stealing or associating with lewd characters; gambling or habitual blasphemy; conducting houses of ill repute; any violation of the moral laws or criminal laws of the land or embezzling or misappropriating funds belonging to any member of the Court or beneficiary of the C. B. A. Department. They shall have power to suspend the parties at once, notifying them within twenty days of the Grand Court, giving them ample time to prepare their appeal to the Grand Court, and upon their failing to file their appeal, and if the case warrants the same, they may be expelled.

Th Deputy Grand Most Ancient Matron and Deputy Grand Venerable Patron's station is on the Throne to the right and left, a little to the rear of the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron (and their duties there.) It shall be their duty to preside in the absence of the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron, or when they are out of the Jurisdiction by their consent or in case of death, they preside until the meeting of the Grand Court.

The Grand Senior Matron's Station is in the West. Her luty is to assist the Grand Most Ancient Matron in her several official duties—and when she and the Deputies are absent from the meeting or out of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Court it is her duty to attend to the business of the Grand Court.

The Grand Junior Matron's Station is in the South (her duty there.) It is her duty to superintend the Heroines during the hours of refreshments. She must be temperate and discreet, in the indulgence of her own inclination, but carefully observe that none of the Heroines be suffered to revert the purpose of the hours of recreation into recess.

The Grand Court Secretary's Station is at the left of the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron in the East. Her duty is to observe and record all of the proceedings of the Grand Court, make a fair record of all things proper to be written, receive all moneys due the Grand Court and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer. Take her receipt for the same. To inform the Subordinate Court of the meeting of the Grand Court. To forward the proper blank returns to every Chartered Court in the Jurisdiction. To record the proceedings of the Grand Court while in session and make out Charters when ordered by the Grand Court or Grand Venerable Patron. To prepare the minutes of the Grand Court. She should make all checks. The Grand Court

Secretary of the C. B. A. Department and the Grand Secretary of the Temple Fund shall be side by side with the other Secretary.

The Grand Court Recorder's Station is by the side of the Grand Court Secretary. Her duty is to assist the Secretary in the discharge of her duty, and to do whatever the Secretary of Grand Officers presiding may direct her to do, and perform the duty of the Secretary in her abesnee by the order of the Grand Court when in session. All of the Secretaries shall receive all moni s belonging to their several departments during the session of the Grand Court and report.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and all monies of the Grand Court, which shall be deposited in some reliable and duly incorporated banking institution, and shall be withdrawn only upon an order issued by the Grand Secretary and signed by the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron and the President of the Board of Directors. As a guarantee for the faithful performance of his duty, he shall file within sixty days from the date of his election a guarantee bond with the Board of Directors in such sum or value as said Board shall from time to time require. She shall report to the Board of Directors semi-annually, and at such other times as may be required, all monies handled by her. For the faithful performnace of her duties she shall receive such compensation as the funds of the Grand Court will admit, and all expenses incurred by her shall be paid out of the expense funds, subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Directors and the Grand Venerable Patron and consent of the Grand Court. She should keep the funds of the Grand Court in some reputable bank in the Jurisdiction. She should make a financial statement to the proper officers when required.

Grand Court Chaplain Station is from the Ark and facing the Grand East. It is his duty to perform these solemn services which we should constantly render to our Infinite, and which when offered by one whose Holy profession is to point to Heaven and lead the way, may be refining to our souls, strengthening our virtues and morals, and purifying our minds, preparing us for admission into that society of those whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect.

The Grand Court Lecturer Station is in front of the Secretaries and facing the Grand East. His duty is to lecture the Grand Court when in session, and all of the Degrees, Signs, Pass Words and Grips and Tokens. He is to instruct the members of the Grand Court in the Ritualistic work of the Order. He is to explain the Constitution and laws of the Order and give general information to all. He shall have power during the recess of the Grand Court to travel over the Jurisdiction, visiting the Subordinate Courts, holding Courts, Congresses, visiting Past Matrons and Councils, instructing them as he goes. He shall see that nothing but proper and wholesome literature is being used and circulated in the Jurisdiction. He must hold a Commission from the Grand Venerable Patron and the Grand Most Ancient Matron, showing his appointment and must be subject to the rules and regulations the same as all other officers

The Grand Senior Attendant Station is at the right hand of the Grand Most Ancient Matron in the East and in front of the Grand Treasurer. Her duty is to wait on the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron's will and pleasure and to carry messages around the Grand Court, to conduct and introduce visitors and perform all the duties of her office.

The Grand Junior Attendant Station is at the right hand of the Grand Senior Matron in the West near the door. Her duty is to carry messages from the Grand Senior Matron in the West to the Grand Junior Matron in the South and elsewhere around the Grand Court room as she

may direct and to see that the Grand Court is guarded.

The Three Grand Court Directors Station is in front of the Grand . Senior Matron in the West. It is their duty to assist the Attendants and other officers in performing their respective duties. They are to prepare the tables and carry the Ark on all public occasions. They are to be subject to the will and orders of the Grand Most Ancient Matron

and Grand Venerable Patron.

The Grand and Deputy Grand Marshall Stations are at the right of the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron's Throne in the East, and in front of the Grand Court Treasurer. It is their duty to arrange and conduct all parades on public occasions of the Grand Court. They are to wait on the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron, receiving and obeying their orders during the sessions of the Grand Court.

The Grand Outer Gate Keeper Station is outside the door in the Ante Room. Her duty is to guard the outer gate against the intrusions of strangers and eavesdroppers and to not pass and repass any but such as are duly qualified and have the Grand Most Ancient Matron and the

Grand Venerable Patron's permission.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Such as Past Grand Most Ancient Matrons, Past Grand Venerable Patrons, Present Grand Most Ancient Matrons and Grand Venerable Patrons, Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of Masons, Grand Commanders and Grand High Priest of R. A. C., Masters and Wardens of Blue Lodges are entitled to seats on the platform when they are in possession of the degrees of Heroines of Jericho and are in good and regular standing in some Blue Lodges or Courts in the Jurisdiction. The members are seated right and left in the hall.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE GRAND COURT

The business of the Grand Court shall be disposed of as follows: 1.—Calling the roll of Subordinate Courts. 2.—Reading the minutes of the previous meeting (or program). 3.—Report of the Grand Secretaries. 4.—Report of the Grand Treasurer. 5.—Report of the Grand Lecturer. 6.—Report of Special Committees. 7.—Report of Standing Committees. 8.—The appointment of all Committees. 9.—Report of the Executive Board of the Grand Court. 10.-Unfinished Business of the Grand Court. 11.—Grand Most Ancient Matron's Annual Address. 12.—Grand Venerable Patron's Address. 13.—Election of Grand Court Officers. 14.—Reading Resolutions. 15.—Miscellaneous Business. 16.— Closing the Grand Court.

#### DECORUM OF MEMBERS

After the Grand Court is opened, all officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the Institution demands. They shall pay due regards to the presiding officers, to whose command they shall be attentive and obey. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Grand Court without permission of the presiding officer.

#### MEMBERS SPEAKING

No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the presiding officer. All reports of officers must be in writing. All matters and Resolutions must be reduced to writing.

#### DUTY OF SUBORDINATE COURTS

It is the duty of all the Subordinate Courts in the Jurisdiction to pay proper respect to the Grand Venerable Patron and Grand Most Ancient Matron during the recess of the Grand Court, and of any conspiracy is known, the guilty party or parties shall be expelled until the Grand Court meets, when they shall be required to answer the charge for which they were expelled.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND COURT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COURT

Warrants or Charters	\$15.00
Dispensations to form New Courts	5.00
Dispensations to Confer Three Degrees	2.50
Grand Court Dues, Per Year, Per Member	.50
Past Matron's Annual Dues Per Year, Per Member	.50
For Joining Court by Permit	1.00
Reinstating Fee for Each Member	2.00
Reinstating of Courts	
Joining Fee for New Members	5.00
Past Matron's Degree	5.00
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# RULES AND BY-LAWS OF COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

#### PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The Court Benefit Association was organized for the purpose of providing a relief fund for widows, orphans and relatives of deceased members of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Jurisdiction, Incorporated. The Court Benefit Association is mutual in all of its dealings with its members. Members of the Court Benefit Association are subject to dues, taxations and assessments. Certificates in the sum of One Hundred, and Two Hundred Dollars may be issued to members who are in good and regular standing with the Subordinate Court of which she is a member, the Court Benefit Association and the Grand Court.

# OFFICERS OF THE COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Court Benefit Association shall consist of the Grand Venerable Patron, Grand Most Ancient Matron, Deputy Grand Venerable Patron, Deputy Grand Most Ancient Matron, Grand Secretary. Grand Treasurer, and seven members, who shall be elected, or appointed by the Grand Venerable Patron.

All members of the Court Benefit Association Board must be in good and regular standing with the Most Worshipful Union Grand

Court of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Jurisdiction, Incorporated. If members become unfinancial, suspended or expelled from the Subordinate or Grand Court, their membership ceases with the Court Benefit Association Board.

# DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN

The duty of the Chairman is to preside at all meetings of the Court Benefit Association Board; see that the laws and rules of the Association are administered to all of its members in a fair and just manner; countersign all checks issued; fill all vacancies, remove any member of Court Benefit Association Board, or employee of the Court Benefit Association for malfeasance in office or for failure to perform his or her duty; and shall report to the next meeting of the Court Benefit Association Board for their approval or disapproval, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Court Benefit Association.

# DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Court Benefit Association shall keep a just and true account of all funds sent to the office for the payment of premiums for members of the Court Benefit Association, and other funds that may be legally assessed for the operation and expense of the Court Benefit Association. She shall make a report of standing of deceased members of the Court Benefit Association once a quarter, or as often as the chairman of the Court Benefit Association Board may require. The Secretary's account shall be examined and passed upon by a committee elected, or appointed by the Chairman of the Board. The Secretary shall report from time to time to the chairman, or Board, the death of members of the Court Benefit Association, and the value of the Certificate. All checks ordered issued by the Court Benefit Association Board shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Chairman and Treasurer of the Court Benefit Association Board.

# DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, or money bills from the Secretary once a week and shall deposit same in the name of "Court Benefit Association," in a bank designated by the Court Benefit Association Board. All checks shall be signed by the Secretary, and countersigned by the Chairman and Treasurer of the Court Benefit Association.

#### MEETINGS

The Court Benefit Association Board shall meet quarterly, at the Court Temple, located at Corner of Broad and Duval Streets, Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of adjusting claims against the Court Benefit Association. The said meetings of the Court Benefit Association Board must be called by the Chairman of the Board. During the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Grand Venerable Patron shall act in his stead and carry out the rules as laid down for the governing of the Court Benefit Association. The chairman shall have the right to call meetings of the Court Benefit Association at such times and at such places as the Chairman shall decide.

# MEMBERS OF THE COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

All members joining the Subordinate Court must at least carry a One Hundred Dollar Policy with the Court Benefit Association. She must present a Certificate of good health from a regular practicing physician, shall pay Fifty cents (50c) joining fee in the Court Benefit Association, and not less than one quarterly premium.

# RATES AND AMOUNTS OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

Amount of Certificate	Quarterly Premium	Semi-Annual Premium	Annual Premium
One Hundred Dollars Two Hundred Dollars	1.00 1.50	$\frac{2.00}{3.00}$	4.00 6.00
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# REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERS

The members of the Court Benefit Association are required to pay all dues in advance by the quarter, according to the rates given above. First Quarter begins January 1st; Second Quarter begins April 1st; Third Quarter begins July 1st; Fourth Quarter begins October 1st. All Quarterly dues must reach the office of Court Benefit Association not later than the 15th day of each Quarter. However, any member may pay in full for the year in advance.

### HOW DUES MUST BE PAID

The dues of members of the Court Benefit Association must be sent to the office of the Court Benefit Association by the Most Ancient Matron or Local Secretary of the Subordinate Court, who has been appointed by the Most Ancient Matron of the Court or elected by the members of the Court. The Secretary shall be known as Agent for the members of the Local Court of the Jurisdiction. It shall be the duty of the Most Ancient Matron and members of the Local Court to see that their Agent, or Secretary, sends into the office once per month all dues, assessments, or taxations collected. Same to be sent by Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, or Certified Check. The members must demand of their Agent or Secretary a receipt from the Secretary of the Main Office of the Court Benefit Association in Jacksonville not later than (15) fifteen days after money has been sent.

It shall be the duty of the Most Ancient Matron of each Subordinate Court working under the protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Jurisdiction, to see that all moneys collected from members of her Subordinate Court for the Court Benefit Association are sent immediately to the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association to safeguard the standing of each individual member of

the Court.

The Secretary of each Subordinate Court elected by the members of a Subordinate Court at its regular election is the agent of each individual member of his Court so long as he remains in office.

And in the event of his removal or resignation from the office of Secretary of her Subordinate Court, then whoever may be appointed by the Most Ancient Matron or elected by the Subordinate Lodge to fill out her unexpired term shall be the Agent of the individual members

of the Subordinate Court of which she is Secretary.

The Secretary of the Court Benefit Association is the legal agent of the Court Benefit Association, and until the money so paid by the individual members of the Local Courts reaches the office of the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association, the Court Benefit Association is not responsible for said money. The Secretaries of the Local Courts are not the Agents of the Court Benefit Association, but Agents of the members of the Local Courts.

# HOW SECRETARIES SHALL MAKE THEIR REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

The Secretary of each Subordinate Court shall make her report quarterly of all funds paid for Court Benefit Association to the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association, whose office is in the Court

Temple, 410 Broad Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

However, the Secretary of each Subordinate Court is to report promptly all moneys collected from members who fail to pay on quarter, and forward same to Secretary of the Court Benefit Association to prevent the member's policy from becoming delinquent. The card system will be used as before. All cards will be furnished by the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association, and all dues will be credited thereon by the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association. No Secretary of any Subordinate Court is permitted to credit Court Benefit Association cards of any members of the Court Benefit Association.

A Triplicate report shall be made of all moneys sent to the Court Benefit Association as follows, viz: One report to remain in hands of the Secretary of the Subordinate Court, one report sent to the office of the Grand Master, and one sent with the remittance to the office of

Secretary of the Court Benefit Association.

This report pad will be furnished each Subordinate Court upon the payment of One (\$1.00) Dollar; and shall be used for no other purpose

than making out Court Benefit Association reports.

The Secretary of each Subordinate Court is required to report during each quarter the number and names of all members; the number and names of those who died and the number and names of those expelled; the number and names of new members; number and names of re-instated members.

#### NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

All members whose dues, taxations, or assessments are in arrears with the Court Benefit Association, the Grand Lodge or their Subordinate Court are unfinancial, and the liability of the Court Benefit Association to such members ceases then and there, after thirty (30) days. Any member in good health and square with her Subordinate Court, whose Certificate has lapsed during the Court year, may pay in full all dues in arrears, before the end of the year, thereby causing the policy to continue in full force. However, while dues are in arrears there is no liability of Court Benefit Association to such members.

#### RE-INSTATEMENT OF CERTIFICATE

Members whose premiums are in arrears for more than twelve (12) months will have to re-instate with the Court Benefit Association. The re-instated member must present through the Subordinate Court of which she is a member, a Certificate of good health from a regular practicing physician and a joining tee of fitty (50c) cents in the Court Benefit Association and not less than one quarterly premium.

#### CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY

The insured at any time during the continuance of the Certificate may change the Beneficiary, but such change shall not take effect upntil it has been endorsed hereon at the Home Office of the Court Benefit Association, by the Grand Venerable Patron (who is Chairman of the Court Benefit Association Board) and the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association, whereupon all rights of the former beneficiary shall cease.

#### PRIVILEGES OF RAISE OF CERTIFICATE

At any time while the Certificate is in full force, it may be raised upon medical re-examination, for a Certificate of greater amount. The old Certificate must be sent to the office for change to be made thereon. Such change shall be perfected upon payment of the premium on the raised Certificate, and the increased Certificate takes effect as of date increased premium is received.

ACCORDING TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF GRAND MASTER DAVID D. POWELL, WHICH WERE PASSED BY THE GRAND COURT, DURING THE SESSION HELD AUGUST 12, 1924, MEMBERS OF THE COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION ARE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS, TO WIT.

Each member of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho, Incorperated, shall pay fifty cents (50c) annually for running expenses of the office of the Court Benefit Association; that is, for payment of salaries of Secretary, Treasurer, clerk hire, and officers expenses. The same to be paid on Thanksgiving Day of each November thereafter. This must be sent to the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association not later than thirty (30) days after same becomes due. Any member of the Subordinate Court and Grand Court or Court Benefit Association who fails to pay her Thanksgiving Assessment is unfinancial with the Court Benefit Association, his Subordinate Court and the Grand Court, and his Certificate sucers lapse because of failure of said payment. This day shall be known as "Permanent Endowment Day."

#### LITERATURE

Members' menthly due cards, report books for local Secretary, return envelopes, and all official literature except application blanks shall be furnished by the Court Benefit Association. Application blanks shall be furnished from the Grand Venerable Patron's office.

#### PRICE LIST

Application Blanks, per doz., \$1.00, furnished from the Grand Venerable Patron's office. Members Due Cards, each 5c, furnished by C. B. A. Department. Copy of By-Laws of C. B. A. Department, each 25c, furnished by C. B. A. Department. Secretary's Report Book, \$1.00, furnished by C. B. A. Department.

#### LOST CERTIFICATES

All lost, or destroyed Certificates will be duplicated upon payment of Twenty-five cents (25c) each; provided that all such duplicates shall have the approval of the Grand Venerable Patron and the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association, and shall contain facts supporting the claim that said Certificate was lost or destroyed on oath of the said member of the said Court Benefit Association.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS

All Death Proofs must be signed by a practicing physician, undertaker or coroner also signed by officers of the Local Court with seal of Court attached.

### DEATH CLAIMS

No claims shall be paid to beneficiaries of deceased members of the Court Benefit Association, of death of deceased is caused by immorality, inciting a riot, resisting legal authority, or suicide.

# FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Working under the protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Jurisdiction,

#### Incorporated

For, and in consideration of the application of this CERTIFICATE, which is hereby referred to and made a part of this Contract, and in further consideration of the payments quarterly in advance of the premiums named in the schedule bill on the reverse side of this contract, or La wBook governing this Court Benefit Association, the Court Benefit Association, working under the protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, do hereby agree, subject to the conditions thereon, and in their Law Book governing this Department, upon satisfactory proof of death to the Court Benefit Association, on blank furnished by Court Benefit Association, shall pay ninety (90) days after proof of death, to M....

date of issue, there shall be due on the contract one-fourth of the Face Value; if death occur after twenty-four (24) consecutive months, onehalf of the Face Value shall be due; if death occur after thirty-six (36) consecutive months, three-fourths of the Face Value shall be due; if death occur after forty-eight (48) consecutive months, the full amount of the Face Value shall be due, provided that she has complied with all of the requirements of the Grand Court and Court Benefit Association, and is financial in the Grand Court, her Subordinate Court and the Court Benefit Association at the time of her death, and the records of the Court Benefit Association, the Grand Court and her Subordinate Court sustain the fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE COURT BENEFIT ASSOCIA-TION working under the protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand

\*Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Jurisdiction, Incorporated, has caused this CERTIFICATE to be executed at the main office in Jacksonville, Secretary ...... Chairman

# LANDMARKS

First-The adoptive degrees, Master Mason's, Daughter, True Kinsman and Heroines of Jericho, can only be given to Master Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, sisters and legally adopted daughters Second—Every member of the Court must have the full three

degrees before she can claim benefits from the Court. Third-A prfect Court consists of five ladies and four Master Ma-

Fourth-While any number of Master Masons can have the Court degrees, only four Master Masons can be regarded as members of the Court, viz: The Worshipful Joshua and the three Court Directors. These retain their membership for life unless excluded for cause.

Fifth-No person can become a member of the Court unless by

unanimous consent of all members present entitled to vote.

Sixth-Master Masons that have the degrees have the right to visit Courts, and Master Masons that have not the degrees can receive them in the Court, upon the recommendation of any member and the payment of the Court fees. The receiving of the degrees does not make them members of the Court and they cannot have any voice or vote in the Court only on the request of the Most Ancient Matron.

Seventh-All Present Grand Matrons, Past Grand Matrons, Present and Past Joshuas are life members of the Grand Court. The Grand

Directors are members during their term of office only. Eighth-A member of a Court must serve in the office of the Most Ancient Matron one year before they are eligible to the office of Grand Most Ancient Matron, Grand Senior Matron or Junior Grand Matron.

Ninth-It is the vested and inherent right of Past Masters who have the degrees of Heroines of Jericho to give the degrees and organize Courts. The only way a Grand Court can control the organizing of Courts is for the Grand Lodge to adopt resolutions giving the management of Courts of Heroines of Jericho entirely to the Grand Court. This will prevent Past Masters who have the degrees from organizing Courts.

Tenth-The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the State of Florida, Incorporated, has made the following provision in its Charter, granting the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court Heroines of Jericho of Florida, under whose protection she exists the full power and authority to manage and control these adopted degrees, "To Wit":

Charter of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction, a Corporation organized for benevo-

lent and charitable purposes, not profit. 1st. The name of this corporation is The Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and

Accepted Masons for the State of Florida and Jurisdiction.

2nd. The residence of said corporation shall be located at Jackson-

ville, Florida.

3rd. Nature and Object.—The general nature of the object of this corporation: (a) To organize and have Grand Lodge; (b) To organize Subordinate Lodges: (c) To organize Past Master's Council (but in no event shall there be more than seven Past Masters' Councils in the State of Florida); (d) To own real estate, to buy and transfer same; (e) To make Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Corporation and Subordinate Lodges, and Past Master's Council; (f) To organize and manage an Endowment Department, to be known as The Masonic Benefit Association, and to make laws governing the same; (g) To supervise and give protection to such Auxiliary Masonic Bodies known as The Eastern Star Chapters, and the Heroines of Jericho, and such other higher branches of Masonry, (but in no wise shall this Corporation assume the control of management of same or make any laws governing same, but said Auxiliary Masonic Bodies shall be supreme within themselves); (h) To do any and all things, to own, maintain and manage such real and personal property necessary to carry out the objects of said Corporation.

The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Florida and Jurisdiction Incorporated, has by resolution adopted in its regular Communication ordered its Past Masters not to confer the Adoptive Female Degrees on a woman. The Grand Court is given the exclusive right to do so, through its lawful and constituted agents—No woman will be allowed to administer the oath and obligation on a Master Mason. The Grand Venerable Patron and Worthy Joshua shall perform that duty in the

Courts.

#### ARK

The size of the Ark should be two feet long; twelve inches wide, three stories high, first story eight inches deep; second story siy inches deep, made to set in the first story about one inch, with a cornice or moulding around its base; the third story six inches deep, set in the second story about one inch with moulding around its base. The cover made to fit over the story; roof flat with horns on four corners.

The first story should be painted white, second story sky blue, and the third scarlet. Top of cover bronze. Moulding gilded. Horns gilded with Gold. Four rings, one at each corner of the first story. Letters in the form of half circle, F. N. D. O. Z. B. T. K. C., on the reverse side, R. I. J. O. E. H. C., second story. The name and number of the Courts on both sides. On the top A. M. 2535, on the end the date of organizing.

The furniture of the Ark should be two rods or poles eight feet long for carrying the Ark, the rods should be painted blue and made to pass through the rings, a Holy Bible, three Candlesticks, three Silver Cups, two Ram's Horns, one Slipper, one Ear of Corn, a small bunch of Wheat Straw, a bunch of Evergreen, a Vial of Olive Oil and Candles. The Ark is carried by the Worthy Joshua and the three Court Directors.

#### REGALIA—HOW MADE

For a Master Mason, Daughter, an apron pattern the same as that of a Heroine; color, white, made of velvet, silk or satin, silver fringe, twelve stars trimmed with velvet ribbon, linging blue, with large white cord and tassels.

For a True Kinsman, an apron pattern the same pattern; color, deep blue trimmed with orange colored velvet ribbon, fringe, lining white, blue

cord and tassels.

For a Heroine of Jericho, an apron and collar in one piece; made to fit over the shoulders and down to a point on the back, cut to fit around the neck and over the breast down in front about two-thirds from waist to feet; color, scarlet; made of velvet, silk or satin; seven gold stars and five silver stars, a golden fringe around the edge of the entire apron; gold lace and silver lace for trimming; a scarlet cord and tassel to hold apron in place.

For a Joshua, a collar fitting over the shoulder and coming to a point in the front of the waist; color scarlet, made of velvet, silk or satin, golden fringe all around; twelve silver stars trimmed with gold;

lace cords of blue, white or scarlet.

The Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron, and Most Ancient Matrons, when presiding should be dressed as follows: A golden crown with twelve points on their heads; the crown should be ornamented with twelve small silver stars set on scarlet band one inch wide and placed around the crowns at the base; in front a silver trumpet or silver bugle, or silver scepter. The points of the crowns should be ornamented with brilliant red, white and blue. They should have on purple robes, full from the shoulders and trailing four feet. The Grand Venerable Patron should have on a robe, but no trail. The robe should be trimmed with silver or gold lace and spangled with small golden or silver stars. The Matron should always hold a scepter in her hand. The Grand Venerable Patron the gavel, and no member should ever be allowed to speak until the Matron presiding first extends towards them the scepter. Pages should always attend the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron on public occasions. They may be small girls or boys.

The Deputy Grand Most Ancient Matron and Deputy Grand Vener-

able Patron shall wear crowns with ten points.

The Grand Senior Matron shall wear a crown with nine points. The Grand Junior Matron shall wear crown with seven points. The Grand Senior and Junior attendants should wear crowns with five points.

Heroines should wear crowns with three points. True Kinsmen

should wear crowns with two points.

Most Ancient Matron shall wear a crown with ten points.
Senior Matron shall wear a crown with eight points.
Junior Matron shall wear a crown with six points.

Master Mason's Daughter should wear crowns with one point.

The Grand Scnior and Junior Matrons, also hte Senior and Junior Matrons of Subordinate Courts, may wear robes, providing they have no trails.

#### OATH OF FEALTY

Heroines coming from other Jurisdictions or other Grand Courts within our Jurisdiction must take the following oath before they will be admitted to membership in the Most Worshipful Union or any of the Subordinate Courts, Heroines of Jericho, belonging to this Jurisdiction in the State of Florida:

#### OATH

Jurisdiction, Incorporated, and will support and abide by its Constitution, Statues, Orders and Decrees. That I will hold allegiance to the said Grand Court and all of its Subordinate Courts, as the supreme authority, of the Rites, so long as I may continue to reside within its Jurisdiction. I will hold as illegal and spurious all other bodies that is or may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be Grand or Subordinate Courts of Heroines of Jericho, and all others of said Rites within this Jurisdiction that does not hold their powers immediately from the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Florida and Jurisdiction, Incorporated.

I will hold no communication whatever of members of same, nor allow them or any of them to visit anybody or Courts of which I may be a member. I will dispense Justice, to my sisters and brethren, Heroines and Heroes of Jericho, according to the laws of equity and honor, and should I violate this my solemn Vow and Pledge, I consent to be expelled from the Order of Heroines of Jericho and from all of the Rites therein and in any body of the Rites—and be denounced to everybody of the Heroines of Jericho in the world as a Traitor and foresworn.

Constitution and By-Laws

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COURTS

OF THE

# Heroines of Jericho

of the State of Florida and Jurisdiction

Working under the Protection of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, Incorporated



REVISED AND ADOPTED BY THE GRAND COURT OF HEROINES
OF JERICHO, AUGUST 12, 1924, AND COMPILED BY
THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE

D. D. POWELL, 33°, Grand Master

REV. H. Y. TOOKES, D. D., Grand Venerable Patron

MRS A. L. JOHNSON, Grand Most Ancient Matron

REV. R. A. GRANT, D. D., Deputy Grand Venerable Patron

MISS M. E. WALKER

REV. J. B. GREEN, D. D.

REV. R. T. GORDEN, D. D.

#### THE SUBORDINATE COURTS

# ARTICLE I.—Name, Membership, Officers and Committees

Section 1. Name-This Court shall be known as..... Court No....., Heroines of Jericho, of ....., Florida.

Sec. 2. Member's Qualifications-In addition to the requirement of Landmark No. 1, every person applying for membership in this Court must be of mature age, sound mind, industrious habits, of good reputation, of sufficient natural endowments and with some visible means of making an honest living-not an outcast or convict, upright in body and not deformed or dismembered at the time of making application.

### THE OFFICERS OF THE SUB-ORDINATE COURT AND THEIR STATION.

Most Ancient Matron—(Her station is in the East)

Worthy Senior Matron-(Her station is in the West) Worthy Junior Matron-(Her station is in the South)

Worthy Joshua-(His station is in front of the Most Ancient Matron behind the Ark)

Court Secretary-(Her station is at the left of the Most Ancient Matron in the East)

Court Treasurer-(Her station is at the right of the Most Ancient Matron in the East)

Senior Attendant-(Her station is at the right of the Most Ancient

Matron, nearly in front of the Court Treasurer)

Junior Attendant-(Her station is at the right of the Senior Matron of the West at or near the door)

Outer Gate Keeper-(Her station is outside the door in the ante

First, Second and Third Court Directors-(Their station is in front of the Senior Matron of the West).

The appointive officers shall be Junior and Senior Attendants, Outer Gate Keeper and three Court Directors, who shall be appointed by the Most Ancient Matron, with the assistance of the Most Worthy Joshua, immediately after the annual election and before installation. All officers must be females except the Most Worthy Joshua and the three Directors. The term of office shall be one year, beginning with the first stated meeting in August, and ending with the last stated meeting in July. However, all officers must serve until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 4. Standing Committees-The Most Ancient Matron shall immediately after the installation, or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint the following committees, each committee consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members: 1. Committee on Finance and Accounts. 2. Investigating Committee; 3. Visiting or Sick Committee. The duties of the aforesaid committees are as follows:

1. The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, audit the same and report quarterly the financial condition of every member, the indebtedness of the Court and money on hand belonging to the Court. They shall also make special examination of the Treasury and report to the Court whenever ordered by the Most Ancient Matron to do so. A neglect or failure

to perform these duties will subject everyone of this committee to a fine of one dollar each.

2. The Investigating Committee shall carefully investigate the right of applicants, their character an otheir physical, mental and moral condition. They shall report to the Court in writing the result of their examination and their recommendation at the first stated meeting after the petition has been referred to them. No member shall investigate the petition of any one who is related to her by blood or marriage. For neglect or failure to discharge their duty each member of this committee is subject to a fine of one dollar.

3. The Visiting or Sick Committee shall call upon all of the sick or distressed members within twenty-four hours after having received notice of the illness or the trouble. They shall render the afflicted, the distressed and the member in trouble all the assistance possible and report the facts to the Most Ancient Matron immediately. In case of necessity they may request the Most Ancient Matron to draw an order on the Treasurer for funds to relieve the member. This committee shall report at every stated meeting. For failure or neglect to discharge their duty each member of this committee is subject to a fine of one dollar.

N. B .- Special Committees may be appointed whenever necessary by the Most Ancient Matron or the Court. Every member appointed must serve unless excused by the Most Ancient Matron.

#### ARTICLE II.—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Most Ancient Matron-Whenever possible a competent Christian woman should be secured for this office. It shall be the duty of the Most Ancient Matron to preside at each meeting of the Court and see to it that the constitution, by-laws and regulations of the Court are observed and strictly complied with; also that the constitution of the Grand Court of the State of Florida, its orders and edicts and the orders of its Grand Officers and the ancient regulations of the Heroines of Jericho's adopted Masonry are duly observed, faithfully obeyed and rigidly enforced. She shall give the casting vote in case of a tie when the vote is not by ballot; call special meetings when deemed necessary or when requested in writing by five members, and perform all duties of the office. She shall represent her Court in the Grand Court to which she is amenable for the faithful discharge of her duties. In the interim of the Grand Court she may be suspended or removed from office by the Grand Most Ancient Matron or the Grand Venerable Patron whenever the interest of the craft demands it. In all such cases she shall be given a hearing at the Grand Court and its action shall be final. She shall at the end of her term of office nominate her Snior Matron for Most Ancient Matron, and if said nomination is not approved by the Court then another shall be nominated by the Court.

Sec. 2. The Senior Matron shall attend each meeting of the Court and assist the Most Ancient Matron when requested; and in the absence or disability of the Most Ancient Matron, she shall preside and perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the Most Ancient Matron.

Sec. 3. The Junior Matron shall preside over the Court in the ab-

sence of the Most Ancient Matron and Senior Matron.

Sec. 4. The Court Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Court, attend every communication with the necessary books and papers of her office: she shall keep the Court Seal and affix the same, with her attestation, to all instruments of writing required to be executed, collect all moneys belonging to the Court and pay the same to the Treasurer and take her receipt therefor; issue notes and summons when ordered, report to the Grand Court annually and to the Grand Venerable Patron; whenever such takes place, all rejections, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements by the Court; notify all committees appointed of their duties. At the first stated meeting in July and as often as required she shall make a finanical report; at each stated meeting she shall report the absentees of the previous meeting and th memebrs who have become unfinancial and have not been notified. She shall turn over her books to the Finance Commiettee for investigation whenever they require them and she shall meet with said committee and assist them in their examination, and turn over to her successor when installed all property belonging to the Court. For her faithful performance of duty she shall be exempt from monthly dues and receive for her services.....a month.

Sec. 5. The Most Worthy Joshua.—He shall lead in the devotional and religious ceremonies of the Court; visit the sick, distressed and dying members of the Court; assist the Most Ancient Matron in preserving the harmony of the Court; offer the consolation of religion and the hope of a blessed immortality; attend funerals and perform the customary duties of his office on those solemn occasions; to administer the Oath and Obligation to all newly made candidates, and to instruct them in the signs, grips, tokens and pass words of the Order, of the Adoption, and to install and proclaim the installation of officers and attend the Grand Court as a delegate when necessary. Whenever possible, a competent, Christian man shall be selected for this office.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys belonging to the Court; pay all orders properly signed by the Most Ancient Matron and countersigned by the Secretary; keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures and exhibit a statement thereof when required by the Court; also present her books, vouchers and money to the Finance Committee quarterly or whenever required to do so, in order that said committee may examine, verify and count the same. She shall also report at the first stated meeting in July all receipts, expenditures and amount of money on hand, and turn the same over to her successor. She shall give a bond for not less than fifty dollars nor more than \$....., said bond to be signed by two good and sufficient sureties, approved by the Court.

Sec. 7. The Junior Attendant and Outer Gate Keepers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Ritual and they shall welcome and accommodate visiting roembers, wait upon the Most Ancient Matron in opening and closing the Court; assist in preparing the candidates for initiation; take charge of the door, and let none pass or repass without permission from the Most Ancient Matron and in possession of the pass word.

Sec. 8. The Directors shall carry around summonses; see that the hall is in a suitable condition for the Sisters to meet in; to be neutral while attending the meetings, taking part in the debates to points of law only when asked by the Most Ancient Matron; see that peace and harmony prevail, and that proper respect be tendered to all present:

Sec. 9. Impeachemnt and Removeal.-Any officer, except the Most Ancient Matron and the Most Worthy Joshua, may be impeached and removed from office for willful neglect of duty or for immoral or criminal conduct after charges have been presented and an opportunity given them to make a defense. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Court is necessary to remove an officer. In case of the Most Ancient Matron and Most Worthy Joshua either or both of them may be suspended by the Grand Most Ancient Matron or the Grand Venerable Patron, when the interest of the craft requires it. They shall, however, be given a hearing in the Grand Court, whose action shall be final.

# ARTICLE III-Election of Officers

Section 1. Time of Nomination and Election.—The election must be held at the first stated meeting i nJuly and the nomination and election of each officer must take place before the next officer is nominated.

Sec. 2. Qualification for Office.—No member can be elected to office or vote in any election unless she or he is square on the books of the

Court.

Sec. 3. Manner of Voting.—The Most Ancient Matron shall appoint two competent tellers and the Most Worthy Joshua shall appoint a clerk of the election. Every member shall vote by written ballot, and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office.

# ARTICLE IV .- Rights, Benefits and Privileges of Members

Section 1. Charter Rights.-This Court shall adhere to all of the rights guaranteed by the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho of Florida and to that Grand Court we pledge our fealty.

Sec. 2. Representation in Grand Court.—This Court holds sacred its right to be represented by its Most Ancient Matron or its Most Worthy Joshua in every session of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho of Florida.

Sec. 3. Visitation.—Members in good standing may visit any regular Court of Heroines of Jericho in any part of the world, and may apply for affiliation therein, provided he or she has genuine papers from the

Sec. 4. Appeal.—The right to appeal from any verdict of the Court proper Court authorities. or decision of the Most Ancient Matron shall not be questioned or denied. The appeal must be made to the Grand Court when it is in session or to the Grand Most Ancient Matron or Grand Venerable Patron during the interim of the Grand Court.

Sec. 5. Participating in Business.—Only members who pay dues and assessments shall have the right to discuss and vote on questions coming before the Court. All of such members must vote unless excused by

the Most Ancient Matron. Sec. 6. Sick Benefits and Funeral Allowances.—Financial members shall receive sick benefits of \$..... per week in the manner stated in Section 1 of the By-Laws on sick fees. The funeral allowance shall be \$....., the heirs of a member who died in good standing shall receive \$..... from the Grand Court Association. No one shall receive benefits until she has been a contributing member of this Court for three consecutive months.

Sec. 7. Demit.—The Court shall grant a demit to any member not indebted to the Court an dagainst whom no charges have been filed, provided said member requests the demit and pays One Dollar for the same. Demits not deposited in a Court within one year after their

issuance are invalid.

Sec. 8. Visiting Members Cannot Vote.—Members from other Courts shall not discuss any subject unless invited to do so by the Court or the Most Ancient Matron. In no case shall they make a motion or vote.

# ARTICLE V.-Duties of Members

Section 1. Attendance of Meetings.—Every officer and member must attend each stated meeting. For failure to attend each shall be fined according to the Penal Code of By-Laws, unless the Court, for good reasons rendered, excuses the non-attendance. Continued absence without an excuse from the Court renders the member liable to suspension.

#### PAYMENT OF FEES AND DUES

On the first stated meeting of each month every member belonging to the Subordinate Court, male and female, shall pay 25 cents monthly dues and not less than 25 cents per month sick dues (unless by-laws governing Court directs otherwise) and shall pay at the first stated meeting in January of each year, and at the time of making petition for membership in the Court, the following sum:

All C. B. A. money must be paid into local Court and then sent up from the local Court by its Secretary to the Grand Secretary of this department. The Most Ancient Matron must not allow C. B. A. money to lay over in the Court treasury, or in the hands of the Secretary, but must see that it is sent immediately to the Grand Secretary of the C. B. A. Department.

Any Matron failing to rigidly enforce this law is liable to suspension.

#### ARTICLE VI.—Grand Officers' Salaries and Visitation.

Section 1. Salary and Visits.—No money shall be paid to any Grand Officer for services except the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron and the Deputy of the District. The last named must produce authority before he is admitted and he shall not make more than one official visit to this Court in one year.

Sec. 2. Visitation of the Grand Most Ancient Matron and Grand Venerable Patron.—The prerogative of either or both of these Grand Officers to make oficial visit whenever they think best with or without notice is recognized and they shall each be received with the grand honors and invited to take the Throne.

Sec. 3. Visitation Fee.—This Court shall pay to each Grand Officer their board and lodging while there and not less than five dollars per day and traveling expenses to the nearest Court to be visited. But no Deputy shall receive any pay unless he visits a stated meeting of the Court and has given the Most Ancient Matron and Most Worthy Joshua at least ten days' notice of his intention to visit at that time.

#### ARTICLE VII. Dues to Grand Court.

Section 1. Returns and Taxes.—Complete returns on the blanks furnished by the Grand Court shall at the first stated meeting in August be rade out and sent to the Grand Court, together with fifty cents for every Heroine of Jericho in good standing. The Most Ancient Matron or Most Worthy Joshua may present this report in person at the Grand Court.

Sec. 2. Court Benefit Association.—The money for this Association shall be paid to the Secretary and sent by her to the Secretary of the Court Benefit Association as provided for in the Grand Court Benefit Laws.

### ARTICLE VIII .- Degrees, Prices, Etc.

Section 1. The fees for degrees shall be not less than five dollars for the degrees, namely: Master Mason, Daughter, True Kinsman, and Herone of Jericho, and not more than eight dollars to be paid in advance. Applications must be made for each degree separtely and no petition shall be considered unless the fee accompanies the same. Not more than one

degree can be conferred at one communication on the same person except by dispensation.

#### ARTICLE IX.—How to Obtain Membership

Section 1. Petition.—Applicants must send in a petition according to form No. 1. Appendix, Medical Certificate, and one-half of the initiation or affiliation fee must accompany the petition, and the C.B.A. dues.

Sec. 2. Affiliation.—Petition for affiliation must be accompanied by a demit from a regular Court or from the Grand Most Ancient Matron or Grand Venerable Patron.

Sec. 3. Who May Petition.—All petitioners must be Master Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, unmarried sisters and unmarried daughters and adopted daughters, of good health and maturity and of good report. No petition shall be received from any applicant who is immoral, quarrelsome or given to the habit of drunkenness.

Sec. 4. Acting on Petition.—Petition shall be read and referred to the Investigating Committee without motion or debate. No petition can be withdrawn after it has been referred to the committee.

Sec. 5. Balloting on Candidates.—When the Investigating Committee reports, the Court shall take a secret ball ballot on the applicant with white and black balls; three or more black balls shall reject. If the applicant is rejected any three members may request the Most Ancient Matron to allow another ballot at once. If the person is rejected on the second ballot his or her money shall be returned within six days, and all other Courts must be notified. If the applicant is elected, she must be notified by her vouchers to be present at the next stated meeting for initiation. If he or she fails to come forward within three months from the time of his or her election, he or she shall forfeit the part entrance fee paid and shall not be initiated until they present a new petition and are again elected.

Sec. 6. Privilege of Rejected Applicants.—They may petition again for emembership six months after the first rejection and if again rejected they may apply nine months after the second rejection. Applicants shall apply to the Court nearest their home except in cities where there are two or more Courts.

#### ARTICLE X .- Duty of Other Courts

Section 1. To Sick, Distressed, Etc.—When given authority by the proper officers of another Court, this Court shall take care of the sick, relieve the distressed or the dead of a sister Court, allowing only such sum of money as the Court to which the afflicted member belongs shall direct. The bill shall be paid by the sister Court within 30 days after it is presented.

Sec. 2. Conferring Degrees.—The Court that confers only the degree of True Kinsman or Heroine of Jericho or both upon any member who has been initiated into another Court shall pay two-thirds of the fee collected to the Court that conferred the first degree.

#### ARTICLE XI.-Quorum and Place of Meeting

Section 1. Quorum.—A perfect Court must have not less than eight sisters and four Master Masons members, but five ladies and one brother may legally transact all business. In case there is no brother present five or more sisters may transact all the business of the Court except the election of officers, the initiation of candidates and the trial of members.

Sec. 2. Place of Meeting.—All meetings of this Court shall be on the second floor of a hall or building.

#### BY-LAWS

#### MEETINGS, ORDER AND PROCEDURE.

- 2. Order of Business at Stated Meetings.—All business must be transacted in the Third Degree. After being duly opened the Most Ancient Matron shall call for business as follows:

1. Calling roll of officers and marking their attendance.

2. Reading minutes of the last meeting. Silence must be observed during the reading. If correct and no objection is offered they stand approved as read. If their correctness is questioned the error must be stated and if agreed upon shall then be corrected.

3. Report of committees.

- 4. Calling roll of officers and members for collection of dues, fines, etc.
- 5. Reading bills and communications.

6. Unfinished business.

7. New business.

8. Reading and referring petitions without debate.

9. Balloting for candidates.

10. Conferring degrees.11. Miscellaneous business.

12. Remarks for benefit of the Court.

13. Closing ceremony.

3. Motions, Amendments, Etc.—No motion shall be recognized until it is duly seconded; and no debate can take place until the question has been clearly stated by the Most Ancient Matron. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before it is amended or voted upon. Any motion passed may be reconsidered at that meeting or the next, provided a majority thus vote. But the motion must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side.

 Amendments.—All motions except motion to lay on table, to reconsider, to indefinitely postpone, may be amended and the amendment may also be amended; but an amendment to an amendment of an amendment is out of order. The last amendment offered, if in order, shall be placed

before the Court to be voted on first.

4. Addressing the Court.—Members desiring to speak must rise, address the Most Ancient Matron and the Most Worthy Joshua and give the sign of the degree in which the Court is working. If recognized by the Most Ancient Matron they may speak not longer than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject.

5. Parliamentary Guide.—Robert's Manual shall be the authority

on disputed points where we have no Court rule, law or usage.

6. Points of Order.—No points of order shall be recognized in this Court. Members addressing the Court shall not be interrupted before

his or her time has expired except the Most Ancient Matron permits a member to ask the speaker a question, but the speaker may refuse to answer the question.

#### Sick Fees and Funeral Benefits

2. Duty of the Sick. Any member sojourning too far from this Court to attend the regular meetings, or to be visited (if necessary) by sick committee, shall not receive dues for sickness without a medical certificate be produced, stating how long under medical treatment, confined to bed, made and signed by the attending physician—unless within the limits of another Court, then upon the receipt of a report of the Sick Committee of the nearest Court, appropriation must be made as may be

decided upon

# Power and Authority of the Most Ancient Matron and the Most Worthy Joshua

Both of these officers shall have full power and authority to enforce every article of this Constitution, all of the By-Laws and the special orders or edicts of the Grand Court or its Grand Officers who are authorized to give orders. Their decisions and decrees are binding until reversed by higher authorities.

#### Penal Code

I. Misdemeanors.

Officers failing to attend stated meetings shall be fined 50 cents for each offense unless excused by vote of the Court.
 The Secretary shall pay 50 cents for neglect or failure to have the Court Books and Seal at every stated meeting.

2. Members failing to attend the first stated meeting in every month shall be fined 25 cents for every offense unless ex-

cused by vote of the Court.

3. Members refusing or failing to sit up with the sick or nurse them when summoned to do so shall be fined \$1.00 for every offense. Any member summoned to sit up with the sick may secure the services of any competent person to serve. But the person summoned by the Court or the Most Ancient Matron is responsible for the performance of the service.

4. Members failing to turn out with the Court on any occasion after due and timely notice shall be fined \$100 unless ex-

cused by vote of the Court.

- 5. Members refusing to obey the gavel or who dictate to the Most Ancient Matron or the Most Worthy Joshua shall be reprimanded for the first offense in open Court and fined 50 cents for the second or third offense. For persistent and continued disobedience the member shall be be suspended.
- 6.—Any member talking the business of the Court to suspended or expelled members or to those not members at all shall be fined \$1.00 for each offense.
- 7. Any member failing to pay Court dues for three months or failing to pay any fine or assessment against him or her within thirty days shall be suspended until the same is paid.
- 8. Any member guilty of using profane or indecent language in the Court or on the public street shall be reprimanded by the Most Worthy Joshua for the first offense and for the second offense shall be suspended for not less than three months. If such conduct is persisted in after the suspension or during the same the person shall be expelled.
- Any member making a false charge against or circulating anything derogatory to the good name or character of a Heroine of Jericho shall be fined \$5.00 for the first offense
- 10. Any member, or members, who shall attempt to defeat the election of any candidate for office by any disorderly action or dishonorable conduct during an eletion, shall be immediately excluded from the session, and fined \$1.00 for said conduct.

#### II. Crimes.

- 1. Defrauding Court or any of its members
- 2. Cruel treatment of wife or husband or any member of family.
- 3. Living in adultery.
- 4. Bigamy, fornication.
- 5. Continued drunkenness.
- 6. Lying, stealing, visiting or associating with lewd characters 7. Gambling, habitual blasphemy, conducting houses of ill
- 7. Gambling, habitual blasphemy, conducting houses of ill repute.
- 8. Any violation of the moral law or the criminal laws of the land.

Any member found guilty of any of the above named crimes shall be suspended or expelled according to the gravity of the offense.

#### III. Charges Against and Trial of Members.

1. Charges, How Made.—All charges must be in writing and must state accurately and plainly the offense, and when, where an dby whom it was committed. It must be signed, by one or more members in good standing in a Court of Heroines of Jericho. The charge must be read by the Secretary at a regular stated meeting and allowed to lay on the table until the next stated meeting. In the meantime the accused shall be notified of the nature of the charge, given a copy of the same and informed that the jury or trial committee will be appointed at the next

stated meeting and he or she should be present to protect

his or her rights.

2. Appointment of Jury or Trial Committee.—At the first stated meeting after the charge is presented the Most Ancient Matron, assisted by five or seven discreet members in good standing in the Court to serve as jurors. The accused may object, without giving any reason, to any two or four of the jurors provided he does not thereby reduce the number below three persons. The Most Ancient Matron and the Senior Most Ancient Matron shall appoint a competent brother or sister to act as attorney for the Court to prosecute the case and to him all the papers must be given. The committee shall at that time say when and where they will meet for the trial of the case, which must be at least ten days thereafter.

- 3. Trial.—The trial shall take place in the hall where the Court meets. The Most Worthy Joshua shall be the impartial judge. He shall pass upon the relevancy of testimony and instruct the jury as to the law, but the facts must be entirely left for the jury to determine after they have heard the evidence. The Most Worthy Joshua shall not be present while the jury is making up its verdict; neither shall he in any way interfere with their deliberations after he has submitted the case to them.
- 4. Verdict and Sentence.—The verdict of the jury must be written, and must find the accused guilty or not guilty of the offense charged. This verdict slall be kept secret until the next stated meeting, when it shall be handed to the Most Ancient Matron or Most Worthy Joshua and immediately read in open court. Then the Most Worshipful Joshua shall pronounce the sentence on the convicted member.
- 5. Charges Against a Most Ancient Matron or a Most Worthy Joshua.—Must be signed by at least three (3) members of the Court and filed with the Court Secretary, who shall immediately forward said charges to the Grand Most Ancient Matron or the Grand Venerable Patron, and the Court shall await the action of the Grand Officer to whom the charge is referred. On the trial of a Most Ancient Matron or Most Worthy Joshua all of the members of the trial committee shall be Matron Joshuas or Past Matrons and Past Joshuas.
- 6. Right of Appeal.—The accused shall have the right to appeal from any decision or verdict or sentence and said appeal shall act as a supersedeas and must be made to the Grand Court when in session or to the Grand Most Ancient Matron or Grand Venerable Patron. The appeal must be filed and read in open court within thirty days after the verdict is announced.
- 7. Sojourning Members Can Be Tried.—Should any visiting member in good standing, sojourning here, act disorderly by any means or way that would tend to degrade the name of the Court, he or she shall be called to a speedy trial by this Court on charges affecting their membership for suspension or expulsion. If the accusedfail to

attend the call, the trial may be had according to the evidence and a conclusion reached.

 Rumors.—Rumors or hearsays may be considered or discussed in an open Court in any regular meeting, but trials

must be as described.

9. Disputes and Quarrels.—All disputes and quarrels must be settled quickly by the Court. If this is impossible then let each disputant choose a member in good standing as an arbitrator, and if those two cannot agree they shall choose a third person and settle the matter by a majority vote. No member shall prosecute or take another member before the courts of the land until they have brought the matter before the Court of the Heroines of Jericho and the members have acted thereon. Any member violating this law shall be suspended for six months.

 Divorced Members.—Any member of this Court who has been divorced from her husband or from his wife for immoral conduct shall be tried, and, if found guilty, expelled

from this Court.

11. Non-Contributing Members.—This Court shall not contribute in any way financial assistance or pay the funeral expenses of any member who does not pay monthly dues except said member is exempt by law.

12. No suspended or expelled member can visit this Court.

Every visitor must produce a financial card or be properly

vouched for before he or she can be admitted.

#### Amendments and Alterations

1. Any amendments or alterations to this Constitution or By-Laws must be presented in writing at a stated meeting, and if received, lie over one month for consideration. If adopted then, by a two-thirds vote of members present, it shall be recommended to the Grand Court for its approval.

2. Any action of the Grand Court or edict of the Grand Most Ancient Matron or the Grand Venerable Patron altering or changing this Constitution or these By-Laws has the effect of an amendment without

any action on the part of this Court.

3. All Constitutions and By-Laws not in harmony with the fore-

going are hereby repealed.

N. B.—All Court officers must be installed on or before the first stated meeting in August, and the installation may be public or private, according to the desire of the Court.

#### FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Warrants or Charters	\$15.00
Dispensations to form New Courts	5.00
Dispensations to Confer Three Degrees	2.50
Grand Court Dues, per year, per member	50
Past Matron Annual Dues, per year, per member	
For Joining Court by Permit	1.00
C. B. A. Dues for \$100.00 Policy	4.00
Reinstating Fee for each member	2.00
Reinstatement of Courts	10.00
Joining Fee for New Members	5.00
Past Matron's Degree	5.00

"All Warrants for Charter money must be paid to the Grand Venerable Patron. See Constitution."

#### DUES

The Matron shall collect from each member of the Court before January the first of each year the following amounts and have the same forwarded at once to the Secretary of that department. Fifty (50c) cents for each member of her Court per year Grand Court Dues, to be sent to the Grand Court Secretary, and \$4.00 for each member carrying \$100.00 Policies and \$6.00 per year for each member carrying \$200.00 Policy, to be sent to the Secretary of C. B. A. Department.

All moneys belonging to these departments must be paid to the Local Courts, and then must be sent up to each Department by the Secretary of the Local Court to the Grand Secretaries of the Departments. In no case must the moneys belonging to either of these departments be kept for any length of time in the hands of the Matrons or Local Court Secretary's, "from one meeting to another," but at once, as soon as it is collected from members, send it up. Any Matron or Secretary found guilty of misappropriating any money belonging to either of these departments shall be expelled from the Courts of this Jurisdiction and prosecuted by the laws of the land.

The Grand Secretary of each department shall report to the Grand Venerable Patron and Grand Most Ancient Matron's office quarterly on

blanks furnished for that purpose.

All complaints and troubles or anything touching the Heroines of Jericho should be sent to the Grand Venerable Patron and the Grand Most Ancient Matron's office for adjustment.

#### Past Matron Council and Degrees

Only one Past Matron Council can be organized in a County. No Matron will be allowed to preside in any of the Courts of this Jurisdiction who has not the Past Matron Degrees. The same is applied to the Joshuas also. The Degrees are \$5.00, and Five Past Matrons can form a Past Matrons' Council, together with the Joshuas.

Each Past Matrons' Council shall represent in the Grand Past Matrons' Council at the Grand Court each year, with \$5.00 representation fee. Each Subordinate Court of our Jurisdiction in which there is no Past Matrons' Council shall collect from each Past Matron and Past Joshua on their roll 50 cents annual Past Matrons' Dues and report the same to the Grand Council at the Grand Court.

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And we do hereby invest yo Deputy Grand and we do hereby authorize and we do hereby authorize union Grand Court, to visit nor which may be constituted requires, or you may judge ninquire into the State of said them all due advice and instruto deliver to the said Courts dresses recommending harmo brethren, and the strictest adciples of the ancient order of said, to congregate and asse Matrons, Joshuas, Sisters and places of meeting, and at suc we do further authorize and Venerable Patron and Grand Grand Court, to do such other that you annually report to us necessary during the year, you and authority to be and continuless sooner suspended or resions that may have issued from the district.  (Seal)	u with the ran.  u with the ran.  of o and empower y respectively all within the said ecessary; inspect l Courts and the action. Also, in respectful, affe ony, union an d herence to the t Heroines. And mble together s Brethren of sai h times as you empower you, l Most Ancient er work as you s at the Union C ur proceedings i nue in force dur wooked, hereby r oom us, or any o	k and dignity of a District our said Union Grand Court; ou, in the name of our said the Courts now constituted, district, as often as the law ct their labors, examine and eir proceedings, and to give our name and in our behalf, ectionate and instructive adlove among the sisters and crue and acknowledged prinalso, for the purpose aforeseverally, the Most Ancient de Courts, at their respective shall deem necessary. And in the names of the Grand Matron of our said Union may have authority. And Grand Court, and as often as n the premises. This powering our continuance in office revoking all former commission of the predecessors in office.

of, this	t, in the County
in the year of our Lord One Thousand	d Nine Hundred and
to A. D. 199	2, A. C. 335
G. V. P.	C M A M
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Form No. 1	
REPORT OF GRAND AND DEP	UTY GRAND OFFICERS ON
VISITING	
Report of	Court No.
Located at	Florida
Matron Secretary	Street
Joshua	Street
••••••	, 192
1	Most Ancient Matron
2	Senior Matron
34.	Junior Matron Worthy Joshua
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6	Courts Treasurer
7	Senior Attendant
9	Junior Attendant
	1st Courts Director 2nd Courts Director
11.	3rd Courts Director
12	Outer Gate Keeper
Names of Past Matro	ons and Joshuas
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Form No. 2	
REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES	AND DEPUTIES AT LARGE
Report of District Deputy	of the
District and Court of	State of Florida.
Theday of	
Grand Venerable Patron and Grand M Greeting—I have visited	ost Ancient Matron:
Located at	Florida
Matron	•••••
Secretary	
Joshua	

and made the following examination in to the business of this Court and find the conditions as follows:
I was paid the following amount for my visit: \$2.00 and railroad expenses to the nearest Court.  Yours fraternally,
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Form No. 3
DEMIT
, Fla.,, 192, A. C. 335
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETING:  This is to certify that
member of Court No, atand as such we recommend to the fraternal regard of all true Heroines of Jericho, wherever dispersed over the face of the Globe. In Testimony Whereof, we have caused this Demit to be signed and sealed by the Grand Seal of this office the day and date first above
written. This Demit is void ofter, 192,
G. V. P. G. M. A. M. Recommended to the office by
Form No. 4
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP
To the Most Ancient Matron, Officers and Members of Court No, Heroines of Jericho,, Fla.  The undersigned, unbiased by the improper invitations of friends and uninfluenced by sordid or other unworthy motives, prompted by a favorable opinion of your ancient and honorable society, and a desire for ennobling knowledge, voluntarily and freely offer myself as a candidate for initiation or affiliation, into the mysteries of a Heroine of Jericho, and respectfully pray that I may be admitted and become a member of your Court, promising a cheerful conformity to the ancient usages and established customs of the Heroines of Jericho.  I am years of age; occupation is Residence  I am the of a Master Mason of Lodge No. F. & A. M., a regular lodge in this Jurisdiction. Enclosed find physician's certificate and \$, part of the fee. Signed.  Vouchers:

Form No. 6

OFFICIAL NOTICE	OF	ARREA	RAGE
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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ARR	EARAGE
, Fla.,	, 192 A. C. 385
M	
My Dear	
Take notice that you are now indebted to. Court No, H. of J., at	Flo or follows.
Inoliting dues at a m	ionth 8
Funeral Assessment	\$
Funeral Assessment Fines and Special Assessments	······\$
C. B. A. Endowment dues for year 192 Dues forShares of Stock for, 1	
Total	e e
You are hereby summoned to be and an	near at our next stated
meeting on theday ofday	192 and pay this
or show cause why you should not be suspe	ended from all the rights
privileges and benefits of our Ancient and Hon of Jericho. If this bill is not paid at or before	orable Order of Heroines
you will be suspended by operation of law.	our next stated meeting,
HEREIN FAIL NOT.	
	M. A. M.
(COURT SEAL)	
	Court Secretary
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Form No. 7	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
FORM OF CHARGES	
The first step in all trials is to prefer charge	res or males a complaint
Any complaint when written becomes a charge one of the following forms must be used:	; and in making charges
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Form 1	
	. Fla 192
To the Most Ancient Matron, Senior Matro	n, Junior and Most Wor-
thy Joshua of	a.
Greetings:	
The undersigned, a member of	Court No,
in good and regular standing, deeply regret that Sister or Brother AB	It is my duty to charge
Court, with conduct unbecoming an H. of J., acc	cording to number
of our Penal Code.	
Specification First.—That the said Sister or	Brother A
B, C, on the da	y of, 192
at, Fla., and at places before and since then, did drink intoxic	various other times and
and was drunk, to the great scandal and dis-	grace of our fraternity
And I hereby demand that the said Sister or Bro	ther A, B

C, be dealt with therefor according to Heroines Law and usages.
Witnesses:
1
Form 2
To the M. A. M. and Senior Matron, Junior Matron and the M. W. J. of Cuort Noat, Greetings:  Now comes, a regular member of the H. of J. Court No, at, Fla., and presents the following charges and specifications against Sister (or Brother) V. Y. Z., a member of your Court:  Charge—Immoral conduct according to Number of our Penal Code.
Specification 1.—Lying. In that on the
Specification 2.—Defaming the good name of a H. of J. In that the aforesaid V. Y. Z. did on the
Signed
Vitnesses:  1
orm No. 8
NOTICE OF CHARGES
Sister V. Y. Z. Take notice that I enclose herewith a copy of the harges preferred against you at our regular communication held
ated this

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Form No. 9

#### FORM OF HEROINE TRIAL

- 1. The M. W. J. of the Court of which the accused is a member must preside, unless he is involved in the case; of he is, then the First Court Director, or any Past Joshua may preside.
- 2. The presiding officer must keep a correct record of the trial, the testimony of the witnesses, rulings, objections, etc., or cause the same to be done.

After devotional exercises the trial will proceed as follows:

- 1. Reading charges and specifications.
- 2. Ask the accused if she is guilty or not. Hear the pleas of the accused.
- Send all witnesses out so that only one can be called at the time.
   Witnesses for the accuser examined and cross examined by the
- accused.

  5 Witnesses for the accused examined and cross examined by the
- 5. Witnesses for the accused examined and cross examined by the accuser.
  - 6. Rebutting testimony by the accuser's witnesses
  - 7. Rebutting testimony by the witnesses for the accused.
  - 8. Argument by the accuser or his attorney.
    9. Argument by the accused or his attorney.
    10. Closing remarks by attorney for accuser
- 11. The M. W. J. and all persons retire from the building and leave the trial jury to make up its verdict. When the jury agrees the verdict shall be written and sealed in an envelope and kept by one of the jurors until the next meeting of the Court. No one of the jurors shall disclose what took place in the jury room or let anyone in the world know how or what the jury has agreed upon until the verdict is read in open Court. Any member of the jury who violates this rule shall be suspended for not less than six months.

Form No. 10

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

Signed	

Form No. 11
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION
, Fla.,, 192, A. C. 335
Office of M. A. M. and M. W. J., Court Secretary of Court No
To the Grand Officers and Subordinate Courts of H. of J., Florida and Jurisdiction, Greeting:
It is our painful duty to officially notify you that Sister or Brother was duly Suspendde (or Expelled) from
M A. M
(Seal W. W. J.
Court Secretary
*Mark out the words that are unnecessary; leave only those that stae the facts.
Form No. 12
TOTAL NO. 12
PRAVELING CARD
with we
TRAVELING CARD  TO All Whom It May Concern, Greeting:  This is to certify that is a member in condense representation in the content of the c
This is to certify that is a member in good and regular standing in Court No, of
, Fla., and is recommended to all
Heroines of Jericho wherever found.
M. A M
(SEAL).
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Form No. 13
GRAND OFFICERS' REPORT
Total number of members enrolled
Number Expelled since last Grand Court
Number Affiliated since last Grand Court
Number Initiated since last Grand Court

What Sick Benefit per week does this Court allow?
How many Members carrying Policies?
How many carrying \$100.00?
How many carrying \$200.00?
How many shares of Stock for David City?
How many members paying Temple Tax?
How much C. B. A. Tax sent in for 1st quarter?
How much for 2nd quarter?
How much for 3rd quarter?
How much for 4th quarter?
Do you have Financial Report quarterly?
Do you have some portion of the law read monthly?
Do you keep the Court's Money in Bank?
How much money in bank or Treasury?
What do you allow for Funerals? \$
How much do you owe?
How many Grand Officers' visits since last Grand Court?